

Sissano language

Sissano is an Austronesian language spoken by at most a few hundred people around Sissano in Aitape District, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea. 4,800 speakers were reported in 1990, but the 1998 tsunami wiped out most of the population.^[1]

Sissano	
Region	Aitape District, Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	300 (2000) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Western ▪ Schouten ▪ Siau ▪ Sissano
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sso
Glottolog	siss1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/siss1243) ^[2]

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Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
<u>High</u>	i		u
<u>Mid</u>	e	(ə)	o
<u>Low</u>		a	

Consonants

		Bilabial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n		ŋ	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p	t		k	?
	<u>voiced</u>	(b)	(d)		(g)	
<u>Fricative</u>	<u>voiceless</u>		s			
	<u>voiced</u>	β			(ɣ)	
<u>Approximant</u>	<u>central</u>			j		
	<u>lateral</u>		l	ʎ		
<u>Rhotic</u>			r			

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